GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROPAGANDA AGAINST INDIA
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is engaged in hostile propaganda against India within its country and abroad on the recent developments in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have protested against it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir. Pakistan routinely indulges in hostile anti-India propaganda. This is a reflection of Pakistan`s compulsive hostility towards India.

(b) The State of Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union.Apart of the territory of the state is under the illegal and forcible occupation of Pakistan. Government remains firm in its resolve to take all necessary steps to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country.

(c)&(d) Government have made it known, that Pakistan`s hostile propaganda against India, as well as its sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and elsewhere in India is a violation of the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration. Government have also, appropriately and effectively brought to the attention of the international community facts regarding Pakistan`s attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of India. The international community now openly recognizes and expresses concern on the impact this has on the security of our country and the region.